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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7185

BILL NUMBER: HB 1435

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 10, 2009

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Lake County Courts.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Lawson L

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill has the following provisions:

- A. It establishes the Lake County Judicial Center Fund (fund) for the purpose of financing, constructing, and equipping a Lake County Judicial Center and related buildings and parking facilities, including paying for costs related to the demolition or renovation of existing buildings and the acquisition of land.
- B. It establishes a \$10 Lake County Judicial Center Fee (fee) to be collected in each action: (1) filed in the Lake Circuit Court or Superior Court of Lake County; or (2) in which a person is convicted of an offense, required to pay a pretrial diversion fee, found to have committed an infraction, or found to have violated an ordinance.
- C. It requires the fee to be deposited in the fund. It makes an appropriation.

Effective Date: July 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: *Lake County Judicial Center Fee*- The Lake County Judicial Center Fee is estimated to result in new revenue of \$768,000 annually.

Background- The following table shows the added revenue that this fee would generate based on filings and dispositions that were reported to the Indiana Supreme Court for CY 2007. The number of cases takes into account pauper cases, cases in which defendants failed to either pay or appear in court, the number of cases dismissed, and the number of cases when a defendant was acquitted.

New Revenue from Lake County's Trial Courts Based on 2007 Filings and Dispositions					
	Number of Cases		New Fee		Revenue
Civil	19,129	x	\$10	=	\$191,290
Criminal	9,266	x	\$10	=	\$92,660
Infractions & Ordinance Violations	28,759	x	\$10	=	\$287,590
Juvenile	3,059	x	\$10	=	\$30,590
Probate	2,043	x	\$10	=	\$20,430
Small Claims	14,576	x	\$10	=	\$145,760
Grand Total	<u>76,832</u>				<u>\$768,320</u>

State Agencies Affected: Treasurer of State.

Local Agencies Affected: Lake County Council.

Information Sources: 2007 *Indiana Judicial Report*.

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